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ORGANIZE PARTY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES IN RUMANIA

The A. A. Zhdanov Higher Institute of Social Sciences is organizing a correspondence course to provide party personnel employed in production with training equivalent to that of a graduate of the institute. The program of study is the same as that offered at the school itself. The length of the course is 3 years. It began on 25 October 1951. During the first year the following subjects are taught: Marxism-Leninism, party structure, history of the Rumanian People's Republic, and Russian language. Students will be provided with texts and bibliographical references. Individual written consultations and consultations through the press will be organized. Collective centers for consultation will be established in principal cities such as Bucharest, Cluj, Iasi, Stalin, Timisoara, and others.

Students will turn in a written theme sometime during the first 3 months of the year. A seminar will be held from 15 to 20 January for half the students and from 20 to 25 January for the rest; students will be granted one week's leave to go to Bucharest to attend. Students will receive 3 weeks' leave for examinations, which are organized in two series, 15 June - 20 July, and 25 August - 1 September, also in Bucharest. Organizations and institutes at which students are employed are called upon to create favorable study conditions, and are asked not to assign tasks which will interfere with preparation. Correspondence students cannot be required to take party courses in other schools, but may attend university classes in Marxism-Leninism.

During the first year, 200 students comprising party instructors, members of the state apparatus and of economic and cultural institutes, and representatives of popular organizations took correspondence courses. Special preference will be given to those who have completed courses at the A. A. Zhdanov Central School, those who have had 6 months at the Stefan Gheorghiu University, or those who have had courses in Marxism-Leninism at universities or UTM (Union of Working Youth), or CGM (General Confederation of Labor) schools.

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It is especially recommended that secretaries and members of bureaus, chiefs of sections in regional committees, and other responsible activists sign up.

Five regional commissions will be established to consider candidates. These will be in Bucharest, Stalin, Iasi, Cluj, and Timiscara. In addition to those recommended by regional party committees, individual members who desire to participate in the courses may apply with the approval of the respective regional party committee.

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